AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The present invention relates to an An occlusion device (1) as well as a and method for manufacturing an occlusion device (1). Occlusion device (1) consists substantially of includes a braiding (2) of thin wires or threads (4) made from a shape-memory material. In the expanded state, the occlusion device (1) exhibits a proximal and a distal retention area (6, 8) as well as a cylindrical crosspiece (10) interposed therebetween. Because the proximal retention area (6) of braiding (2) exhibits a form which flares toward the proximal end-(12), an advantageous objective is achieved in that, in the inserted state of the occlusion device (1), the lateral edge of proximal retention area (6)-lies substantially flush with the septum wall and retention area (6) does not protrude past the septum wall. The inventive manufacturing method makes use of includes a braiding technique for producing a tubular braiding (2) open to the top and which needs only be provided with a holder (5) for bundling the threads or wires (4) of the braiding (2) at one end-(3), while at the opposite side -(12), the threads or wires (4) of braiding (2) are intertwined from the center thereof. This thus allows a braiding (2) to be produced to serve as the starting structure for the inventive occlusion device, whereby the proximal retention area (6) of said starting structure exhibits a flaring toward the proximal end (12). The opening of the braiding (2) at-proximal end (12) is then subsequently covered, for example by a Dacron insert or by a fabric, such that the proximal end (12) of the finished occlusion device (1) is then no longer-open.